

CITY OF ABERNATHY

The City Council for the City of Abernathy met in regular session on Monday August 14, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall building at 811 Avenue D. Members present were Mayor Kester-Fair, Ron Johnson, Bill Atchley, Victor Cavazos, and Michael Macias. Also present were City Staff including Mike Cypert, Luis Villarreal, Alfredo Marez III, Mike Grimsley, and Krista Adames. Members of the public included Raul Cano Jr., Leonard Nail, Jona Janet, Juliet Janet, and Kristaina Janet.

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order**
Mayor Kester-Fair called the meeting to order.
- II. **Welcome Guests**
Mayor Kester-Fair welcomed the guest.
- III. **Invocation**
Councilman Macias gave the invocation.
- IV. **Review/Approval minutes of the previous meeting**
Councilman Atchley made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Macias seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- V. **Presentation/Approval of Monthly Financial Reports**
Councilman Macias made a motion to approve the financial reports. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
- VI. **Discussion Only Items**
 - A. **Conduct Public Hearing – FY17-18 Budget**
Mayor Kester-Fair opened the Public Hearing. No person spoke for or against the FY17-18 Budget. Mayor Kester-Fair closed the Public Hearing.
- VII. **Action Items For Consideration**
 - A. **Review Bids, Consider Awarding Contract – Water Well Drilling Project**
City Council reviewed the two bids from Thunder Well Service, Shallowater and Hi- Plains Drilling, Abernathy. Leonard Nail from Parkhill Smith and Cooper recommended that the Construction Contract for the City of Abernathy New Municipal Water Well project be awarded to the low bidder, Hi-Plains Drilling Inc. A motion to award the contract is included with Item B.
 - B. **Consider Funding Water Well Project with 2015 Certificate of Obligation Funds.**
Councilman Atchley made a motion to accept the bid from Hi-Plains as described allowing \$310,000.00 from the 2015 Certificate of Obligation Funds. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - C. **Review Bids, Consider Awarding Contract – Water Pumping Station Upgrades**
City Council Reviewed the Bid from L. Howard Construction. A motion to award the contract is included with Item D.
 - D. **Consider Funding Water Pumping Station Upgrades with 2015 Certificate of Obligation Funds.**
Councilman Macias made a motion to accept the bid from L. Howard Construction in addition to the funding necessary to complete this project up to \$230,000.00 using the 2015 Certificate of Obligation funds. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - E. **Water Department Budget Request – 5 alarm dialers for sewer lift stations - \$4,500**
Councilman Johnson made a motion to allow \$4,500 from the Certificate of Obligation Funds to purchase 5 alarm dialers for the city's sewer system. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - F. **Water Department Budget Request – Street repairs for line looping project.**
Councilman Cavazos made a motion to reallocate the remaining money in sealcoat for street repairs on the Line Looping Project. Councilman Macias seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.
 - G. **Consider offer for Tax Lot – 909 15th Street (Lot 3, E/2 Lot 2, Block 25, OT Abby)**

Councilman Macias made a motion to accept the offer from Raul Cano Jr. for the property legally described as Lot 3 and the East half of Lot 2, Block 25, OT Abernathy. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

H. Consider Resolution 081417A – Temporary suspension of Personnel Policies Section - 8.01, authorizing cost share for employee dependent insurance.

Councilman Macias made a motion to accept Resolution 081417A Temporary Suspension of Personnel Policies Section – 8-01, authorizing cost share for employee dependent insurance. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

I. Consider Ordinance 588 – Amending Water Rates. Second Reading

Councilman Cavazos made a motion to pass Ordinance 588 – second reading, amending water rates. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

J. Consider Ordinance 589 – Amending Sewer Rates. Second Reading

Councilman Cavazos made a motion to pass Ordinance 588 – second reading, amending sewer rates. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

K. Consider Ordinance 591 – Adopting Budget for FY 17-18

Councilman Cavazos made a motion to adopt the budget for FY 17-18 supporting proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$.5900/\$100. Councilman Macias seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

L. Consider Authorization to Secure Utility Easements – Block 140, OT Abernathy

Councilman Cavazos made a motion giving authority to City Manager Mike Cypert to negotiate the Utility Easement and make it suitable for everyone. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

City Council took a 15 minute break.

M. Schedule Vote on Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$.5900/\$100

1. September 11, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.

Councilman Cavazos made a motion to vote on the Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$.5900/\$100 on September 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Macias seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

N. Schedule Time and Date of Public Hearings for Ad Valorem Tax Rate

1. August 29, 2017 – 5:15 PM

Councilman Cavazos made a motion to set a public hearing for Ad Valorem Tax Rate on August 29, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

2. September 5, 2017 – 5:15 PM

Councilman Cavazos made a motion to set a public hearing for Ad Valorem Tax Rate on September 5, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

O. Consider Public Funds Investment Policy – FY17-18

City Manager Cypert presented the Public Funds Investment Policy. Councilman Cavazos made a motion to approve the Public Funds Investment Policy - FY 17-18. Councilman Macias seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

P. Consider Resolution 081417B - Authorizing Assignment of Official Newspaper

Councilman Macias designated the Plainview Daily Herald as the Official Newspaper for the City of Abernathy for FY 17-18. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

Q. Consider Resolution 081417C – Authorizing a grant submission for ballistic body armor for Police Department

Councilman Macias made a motion to adopt Resolution 081417C – authorizing a submission of the grant application for the Riffle Resistant Body Armor Grant. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

R. Consider Resolution 081417D – Authorizing grant submission for 911 generators.

Councilman Atchley made a motion to adopt Resolution 081417D – approving submission of the generator grant application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Councilman Cavazos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3/1 with Councilman Macias abstaining.

S. Consider Resolution 081417E – Authorizing bank account signatories

Councilman Cavazos made a motion to pass Resolution 081417E – Authorizing signatures for bank checking accounts and certificates of deposits. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

T. Request to Vacate Grazing Lease – Sewer Farm

Councilman Cavazos made a motion to vacate the lease with James Cruse and call for lease bids of the Effluent Farm for grazing purposes. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

U. Review Ordinance 572 - Local Regulation of Sex Offenders

Councilman Johnson made a motion to table the review of Ordinance 572 – Local Regulation of Sex Offenders. Councilman Macias seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.

VIII. Public Comment (non-action)

The public comment was moved after Item V.

Jona Janet from The Abernathy Advocate introduced herself and her daughters to City Council. She talked to City Council about their newspaper business and that she will have the 1st edition of The Abernathy Advocate out on August 25th.

IX. Items Presented for Information Only

A. Police Chief – Report to Council

Interim Police Chief Luis Villarreal made his report to Council.

B. City Manager – Report to Council

City Manager Mike Cypert made his report to Council.

X. Adjournment

Councilman Cavazos made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Atchley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0.